### Senate to Act Early on Measure to Extend Law

was reported formally to the Senate senator Pomerene of Ohio. It now goes to the Senate calendar, and it is the purpose of Senator Pomerene and other supporters of the measure to call it up for action at the earliest opportunity. The existing rent act expires May 22, 1922, and if it is to be continued earlies movement of ships. Senator Pomerene of Ohio. It now continued, action must be had on the pending measure in the Senate and the House before that date.

port favoring the passage of the bill, on the part of the committee. In his report. Senator Pomerene said:

### Text of Report.

"Your committee finds that the rental conditions in the District of 'olumbia which prompted the enactment of the original legislation, approved October, 22, 1919, and the extension thereof as approved August 24. 1921, continue to exist, if they bave not grown worse. Your com mittee is satisfied that if the present unreasonably increased, to the s detriment of the tenant class. erious detriment of the tenant class. "This statement applies to both business and dwelling property. After business property was withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the rent commission rentals were, as your committee believes, in very many instances extravagantly increased, and excessive increases were frequently increases were frequently emanded for apartments and dwell-ings, and often where the tenant re-used to accept these increases the landlords have refused to make leases, awaiting the expiration of the renta

present legislation as proposed to be mended carefully protects the inter est of both the landlord and tenant class, and will expedite the hearings and decisions both before the rent ommisiston and the courts

"The principal changes in the pres ent law are as follows:

the 22d day of May. 1924.

"(b) The rental of business properties, other than hotels, is returned to the jurisdiction of the Rent Complexion.

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ipal Court for the recovery of excess rems is extended so as to permit all suits to recover said rent before the Municipal Court, notwithstanding the fact that the amount involved may be in excess of \$1.000.

"(g) The Rent Commission shall more than the required to pay costs or to give bond in appeal.

"(h) Each member of the commission is authorized to conduct hearings and receive evidence and certify the "(n) Each memoer of the commis-sion is authorized to conduct hearings and receive evidence and certify the same to the commission for final ac-

### Evecasive Rents Prevented.

"The committee believes that th xistence of the commission has been deterrent to the increase of rents which, except for the commission,

"At the same time the business before the commission has increased to
such an extent that with its present
force the members are not able to
hear and determine all cases as
rapidly as they should be heard and
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CANADIAN MINISTER

Arthur G. Froe Takes Oath and As-

both the landlord and tenant. "We have therefore, provided for an increase in the membership of the commission to five, and have authorized the members to conduct hearings and recive evidence and make report thereof to the commissions of the commission of th sion as a whole, upon which its de-cisions shall be based. We also aucisions shall be based. We also authorize the employment of two inspectors to be appointed by the commission to aid them in investigations. In this way your committee is convinced that the commission can convinced that the commission can better' and more speedily do the work for which it was created.

"The docket of the Court of Appeals of the District is very much crowded, and that fact has led to and will continue to lead to unnecessary delays in the trial and determination of rent cases. We have thought it advisable, therefore, to make the complete of the Court of Appeals of the District is very much considered to the court of have thought it advisable, therefore, to provide for an appeal from the decisions of the commission to the United States Supreme Court of the District instead of to the United States Court of Appeals of the District instead of the District in the United States Court of Appeals of the District in the United States Court of trict, and we give priority to these hearings."

### LLOYD GEORGE MAY SOON QUIT OFFICE

(Continued from First Page.)

tion of parliament."

The newspaper contends that if such a ministry appealed to the country it would inevitably be defeated, and cites 'the recent by-elections and other signs to support this view. It maintains that even a united coalition going to the polls would have a hard fight against the present co-operation of labor and independent liberalism, while unionism. dependent liberalism, while unionism standing alone, would not escape disaster.
"And in that disaster," the Tele

graph adds, "the whole nation would be involved. Great Britain today is in no condition to survive the couse-quence of such a calamity as entrance into office of a government dominated by labor." **MEASURES OCEAN DEPTHS.** 

marine detection during the war, the principle being the creation of a see grave doubts if the reciprocity sound on shipboard and measuring pact of 1911 is still on the statute the time between this sound and the return of its echo from the bottom of the sea. The time interval, it was tained on this subject, and possibly said, can be obtained within one one-thousandth of a second.

"Even after discussion today there are grave doubts if the reciprocity pact of 1911 is still on the statute books of the United States. A ruling from Washington will have to be obtained on this subject, and possibly mr. Flelding, who will return Thursthousandth of a second.

By the Associated Press.

MOSCOW, March 1.—The first of the orn bought with the American congressional appropriation of \$20,000.000 reached the actual starvation belt in the Saratov region, February 25,

according to advices to American Relief Administration headquarters Two Years.

The bill extending the life of the District rent act for two more years District rent act for two more years and two at Odessa since February 6, and two at Odessa and the unloading is proceeding satis today from the District committee by factorily. The steamship Eastern Ocean, loaded with seed grain, Ocean, loaded with seed grain, grounded near Novorossysk, but the

# the House before that date. Senator Pomerene filed a written reSenator Pomerene filed a written re-POSITION ON LAWS

### Trade Union League Envoys Ask President for Constructive Acts.

President Harding's support for the workingwomen's positions in favor of constructive laws for women and against blanket legistation for so-called "equal rights," which they claim would destroy the legal industrial standards for women in industry, was urged today by a committee from the National Women's Trade Union League when

it called on the President at the ex-ecutive office.

It was pointed out to the President that "to destroy industrial laws for women merely because the same laws do not exist for men is to lower the whole level of industry and is the same kind of thing we would have been doing had we sought to deprive men of suf-frage because women did not have it.

### Want Upward Revision.

Mrs. Raymond Robins of Chicago, president of the league, who headed the committee, in presenting the matter before the executive, said: "We want an upward, not a downward, recision of women's laws, and this can

mission.

"(c) The membership of the commission is increased to five members.

"(d) Two additional inspectors are provided for.

"(e) Appeals from the Rent Commission to the Supreme Court of the District are authorized, instead of to the Court of Appeals of the District are authorized, of the District are authorized, instead of to the Court of Appeals of the District are factorized instead of to the Court of Appeals of the District are factorized instead of to the Court of Appeals of the District are factorized instead of the Court of Appeals of the District are factorized instead of the Court of Appeals of the District are factorized instead of the Court of Appeals of the District are factorized instead of the Court of Appeals of the District are factorized in the Court of the Court of the Court of the Court of Appeals of the District are factorized in the Court of the Court of the Court of Appeals of the Court of the Court of the Court of Appeals of the Court of the Court of Appeals of the District are factorized in the Court of the Court of Appeals of the Court of Appeals of the Court of Appeals of the Court of the Court of Appeals of the Court of Appeals of the Court of Appeals of the Court of The jurisdiction of the Munic- nor of Boston, president of the Tele-Court for the recovery of ex- phone Operators Union; Miss Ethel

### Present Declaration.

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The committee in making known its wishes to the President presented to him the declaration adopted by the working women's conference held in this city last Sunday, which sets forth the position of delegated representatives from many trades and occupations all over the country, and cites the legal authority which is the basis of their contention as to the effects of blanket legislation introduced by the National Women's Party in nine

SEEKS RECIPROCITY

Canada. Discrimination against Canada would not be swallowed without protest by the Canadian people. Already there has been talk about the necessity of buying goods from countries other than the United States because the Canadian dollar sold at a premium here. With the improvement in Canadian exchange, however, American business with Canada is bound to improve.

As long as the democratic administration was in power at Washing-

ton Canada obtained, by the Volun-tary action of the United States, many of the things she wanted under the 1911 reciprocity act, but the deter-mination of the republican party to pass the Fordney bill has changed the whole face of things.

### Canadian Purchases Heavier. Under the 1911 reciprocity act, for

instance, as well as under the Underwood-Simmons law, cattle, sheep, sheat, corn and maize, potatoes, fresh milk and cream were duty free duties are to be imposed on the advailing in those quarters where the trouble had its source.

Nation Faces Calamity.

"Until the nature of the position is finally determined, consideration of the prospects must be tentative, but it is plain that if Lloyd George resigns the coalition will pass into history the moment his resignation is accepted. It can only be succeeded, with the present composition of the house of commons, by a unionist ministry, whose principal function would be to proclaim early dissolution of parliament."

The newspaper contends that if such a ministry appealed to the country it would inevitably be defeated, and cites 'the recent by-elections and other signs to support this yiew. It maintains that even a worked localition graphic, text here is a worked localition graphic, text here is a worked occultation graphic text here is a worked occultation graphic text here is a worked occultation graphic text here were a worked occultation graphic text here were a worked occultation graphic text here were a worked occultation and other signs to support this yellow. It maintains that even a worked occultation graphic text here were a worked occultation graphic text here were a worked occultation graphic text here were a composition of the house of commons, by a unionist graphic and the property of the moment his resignation is accepted. It can only be succeed depends and the property of the mission of every one of these

### NEW TRADE PACT SOUGHT. Canada Sees Business Revival if

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### Fielding's Visit Succeeds. TORONTO, March 1 .- The Toronto

Globe, a strong supporter of the gov-ernment, today published the followernment, today published the follow-ing dispatch from its Ottawa-corre-spondent relative to conferences in Washington by William S. Fielding, minister of finance, over the possibil-ity of a trade reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United

New Navy Device Makes Fine

Showing During Tests.

A new device developed by the Navy which makes it possible to measure ocean depths hitherto unknown and for navigators to take soundings easily and as frequently as they wish has proved effective in recent tests on the radio and sound experimental ship Ohio.

The device, which is described as simple, employs sound apparatus similar to that developed for submarine detection during the war, the principle being the creation of a property of the principle being the creation of a paratus are grave doubts if the reciprocity

# CORN REACHES STARVING. First U. S. Shipment Arrives at RATE BE CONTINUED

### when a trainload arrived at Tsaritsyn, Electric Company Wants Present Charges to Remain Until Court Ruling.

Continuation of the present rates for current was asked by the Potomac Electric Power Company at a public hearing before the Public Utilities Commission today.

The present rate for current to private homes is 8.075 cents per kilowatt hour. The customer actually pays 10 ents per hour, the difference being set aside by the company pending a decision by the United States Supreme 'ourt on the value of the company's property.

There is now more than \$2,500,000 There is now more than \$2,500,000 in the impounded fund, and it is estimated that the sum will be \$3,000,000 when the final decision is rendered. If the commission's valuation of the power plant is sustained that vast sum will be distributed among thousands of electric users. If the company's estimate of the plant's value is sustained the entire amount impounded belows to the company. mpounded belongs to the company. Few Material Changes.

At the opening of the hearing this norning the company presented a petition stating that since the last order was issued "few material changes have occurred in operating conditions, and no such changes are expected to occur during the present to a response or answer to the notice of the commission filed herein, and that the detailed statements and evidence introduced at hearings hereto-fore held be made a part hereof."

The company, in concluding its peti-tion, asks that present rates for cur-rent be continued until the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled it called on the President at the exmon the value of the power property

> Steady Growth of Company. William F. Ham, president of the power company, took the stand and presented a number of exhibits to show the steady growth of the company and expansion of equipment in recent years.

One statement showed 149,000,000 kilowatt hours of current generated and only 111,200,000 hours sold during the year. Commissioner Rudolph asked Mr. Commissioner Rudolph asked Mr. Ham if the difference of 38,000,000 kilowatt hours represented current lost. Mr. Ham replied that it did, but said that was not an unusual loss. There will always be a loss in transmission, he continued, but that waste can be kept down by due care.

upon himself and therefore would not pass such an estimate on to

would not pass such an estimate on to the commission.

President Ham lodged protest once more against the policy of the com-mission in refusing to allow utilities to charge income tax to operating In summing up his plea

### sumes Duties-Receives Congratulations.

retiring recorder, and John W. Fen-ton, jr., of West Virginia, who de-clined the appointment as District Commissioner when his District citizenship was questioned. The oath of office was administered by William Williams, assistant clerk of the strict Supreme Court. Mr. Froe District Supreme Court. Mr. Froe then returned to the office of the recorder, where he was introduced to all the employes. A handsome bouquet of flowers was tendered the

Mr. Froe announced that Robert W. Dutton, who has held the office of deputy recorder for many years, will be retained. There will be no changes of personnel in the office force at present, it was announced.

### Under the Fordney bill, substantial PICTURES SCHOOLS BASED ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

scale of intelligence below which native endowment is so slight that effort to develop it is wasted, or largely wasted. The school system of 1931 should be expected to care only for individuals who possess sufficient native endowment to justify education. "A sense of responsibility and duty; a general knowledge of the world and its more worthy activities; a special knowledge of at least one human activity; a trained mind responsive to the best ideas and ideals, whether old or new—these in reasonable measure, are the fruits the country has reason to expect from a generously supported American school system."

The chief educational officer of the state is a promotor of a great enter-

state is a promoter of a great enter-prise, Augustus O. Thomas, commis-sioner of education in Maine, told the PUPILS DEPOSIT MILLIONS.

### Savings of School Children Largely

Increased in Year.

NEW YORK, March 1.—American school children deposited in banks over \$4,000,000 in the last school year, it was announced today by the American Bankers' Association. In the preceding year the amount deposited was \$2,800,000.

The number of depositors increased the preceding year the amount de-posited was \$2,800,000.

The number of depositors increased from 462,000 to 802,000 in schools having a total enrollment in the two years, respectively, of 1,015,000 and 1,329,000. JUST ARRIVED FROM FRANCE.



COL, GEORGES DUMONT, MILITARY ATTACHE OF THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AND MME, DUMONT.

### FOUR MORE NEW YORK STOCK BROKERS FAIL

Crashes Up to 39-Grand Jury Asks Safeguards.

NEW YORK, March 1.—Involuntary bankruptcy petitions were filed up to yesterday afternoon against four more New York brokerage houses, the latest being Howell & Wales, with estimated liabilities of \$500,000 and assets of about \$400,000, and Hall & Co., whose liabilities were placed at \$100,000 and assets at \$25,000.

Earlier in the day netitions were but said that was not an unusual loss. There will always be a loss in transmission, he continued, but that waste can be kept down by due care.

\*\*Chanot Estimate Business.\*\*

Mr. Ham told the comission he was unable to comply with its request for an estimate of the anticipated volume of business to be done by the company during 192.

"Then you leave the commission to form its own conclusions and act accordingly." said Col. Keller.

Mr. Ham replied that he did not want the commissioners to think that he took his stand because of a desire to withhold information. He said he could not make such an estimate of the match of the wall. The day's failures brought the total total the did not want the commissioners to think that he took his stand because of a desire to withhold information. He said he could not make such an estimate and therefore will be such as the commissioners to think that he would be willing to response the firm of Howell & Wales The petition lodged against that he would be willing to response to the wall, the additional grand jury handed up a presentment to Judge that he did not want the commissioners to think that he took his stand because of a desire to withhold information. He said he could not make such an estimated for his possession, participated in by two women, both claiming to be his mother.

Sitting a short distance from the interport as tree Mrs. Marie Martio, 1530.

While these concerns were going to the wall, the additional grand jury handed up a presentment to Judge Milliam J. Howell and Reginald C. William J. Howell and Reginald C. Walles The petition lodged against that he would be willing to response the firm of Howell & Wales and therefore with the commissioners to the wall, the additional grand jury handed up a presentment to judge the collection where the collection himself as the would have presented and arranged the collection of the wall the to the titing as hort distance from the inclaining to be his mother. Sitting a short distance from the interport would not make the to b Wales comprise the firm of Howell & Wales. The petition lodged against them was signed by three creditors. Three creditors also presented the petition against Hall & Co., with which Louis T. Hall and Charles J. Anastasia are connected.

The Lachenbruch concern, for which Henry B. Singer was appointed receiver, issued a statement asserting that its affairs were in

uation of present rates, Mr. Ham de-clared that the service rendered by the Potomac Electric Power Company was of such a high character that complaints were rare, except in re-gard to errors on bills.

pointed receiver, issued a statement asserting that its affairs were in good shape, but that, to protect all con-cerned, it has decided to announce suspension, because of a situation brought on by uneasiness among its customers.

liabilities at \$50,000 and assets at

liabilities at \$50,000 and assets at \$10,000.

The grand jury, which has spent most of the month investigating complaints against stockholders, is expected to hand down more indictments charging grand larceny before it is dismissed. In recommending safeguarding legislation, the jury set forth that brokers and exchanges should be under the supervision either of the secretary of the state, the state's banking department, or some other department to be created for that purpose, and that such de-partment so having supervision should act in concert with the other departments of this state which con-trol the issuance of securities of corporations.

# MILK HEARING ADJOURNED.

The hearing before the Lampert sub-committee of the House District committee regarding the Washington milk supply has been adjourned until Saturday next, when it is ex-pected that the Maryland-Virginia

roducers will complete their

# **CLAIMS OF TWO WOMEN**

Bankruptcy Actions Bring Total of Judge Kathryn Sellers Has Role Like That of Solomon Before Crowded Courtroom.

Italian woman through Mrs. Molly Dariano, 716 5th street her friend,

should be under the supervision either of the secretary of the state, the state's banking department, or some other department to be created yesterday to the appointment of a yesterday to the appointment of a commission to take depositions from five Chicago witnesses for use by the defense in the third manslaughter trial of Roscoe C. Arbuckle in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe.

Mr. U'Ren said that he objected to the defense petition on the specific ground that it did not definitely set forth what bearing the depositions would have on the case.

The proposed witnesses were five doctors said to have been familiar with certain alleged physical defects of Miss Rappe.

# TO BABY HEARD IN COURT

Smiling and hiccoughing, a pretty the fact that he was the center of a

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Peck, under the name of Mrs. Mary the field of art as exemplified in the subtures of African subjects.

"Mr. Ward's generosity and kindly feeling towards America are shown in his often expressed wish that the other," he added.

Mayor Moore made a plea to put the unemployed in the United States to work on canal and other projects, the infant was taken to Mrs. Peck's hower and in his often expressed wish that the smith the unemployed in the United States to work on canal and other projects, the infant was taken to Mrs. Peck's hower and in his often expressed wish that the Smithsonian his often expressed wish that the stating towards America are shown in his often expressed wish that the olded in the United States to work on canal and other projects, the unemployed in the United States to work on canal and other projects, the unemployed in the United States to work on canal and other projects, the unemployed in the United States to work on canal and other projects, the unemployed in the United States to work on canal and other projects, the unemployed in th

### RAPS ARBUCKLE PLAN.

District Attorney Opposes Depositions of Five Chicago Doctors.

ART EXHIBIT AT COLLEGE.

seven-month-old baby boy sat in the lap of an attendant in Juvenile Court stitution, where he felt it would be this afternoon, happily ignorant of value from an enthnographical point legal battle for his possession, par-ber of Africans who are here in this

Dariano, 716 5th street her friend, acting as an interpreter, said she gave birth to the baby last July 30, shortly after her arrival in this country from Italy. Deserted by her husband, and without funds to provide for the baby and two other children. Mrs. Mattio said she advertised the baby for adoption.

On September 14, she said, Mrs. Peck, under the name of Mrs. Mary E. Smith, adopted the baby. The adoption ceremonies were held at the subjects.

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Englishman, the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men, what is more fitting than that this collection, so instructive in the little-known phases of primitive African art and culture, should be shown here, where men of all times may see and

learn from it?

# RICH RECLUSE IN JAIL.

# WARD COLLECTION PRESENTED TODAY

### Ethnological Objects and Sculpture Work Given Smithsonian Institution.

Presentation of the Herbert Ward African collection was made to the Smithsonian Institution this afteroon by Mrs. Sarita Sanford Ward, widow of the English explorer, who collected many of the ethnological objects in the collection and was the sculptor of others during his year of adventure.

of adventure.

Vice President Coolidge accepted the collection on behalf of the institution and, he said, for "the future generations of America, who, in years to come, will be instructed and impressed with the beauty of this unique assemblage of objects symbolizing the ethnology of Africa."

Sketches Life of Husband.

Mrs. Ward sketched the early life of her late husband in her address of presentation. She said he was a member of the Stanley relief expedition. During the five years he was with that expedition, Mrs. Ward said, "my husband learned to know and love the African savage, and they in turn loved him, as every one did who knew him. He lived among them, shared their food, became blood-brothers with the African chiefs, and many a knife and spear were given to him.

"He collected these things from time to time," she continued, "purchasing them with colored handkerchiefs, a handful of blue glass heads or cowrie shells, giving his frugal meal for a coveted possession, a special knife or bit of ivory, and gradually these things found their way down to the coast and so on to England. During all this time in any spare moments he made drawings and sketches of the African native and his surroundings."

Decides on Presentation.

Mrs. Ward said that many of the Decides on Presentation.

Mrs. Ward said that many of the tatues were developed in later years in France. Then Mrs. Ward told how and when he decided to deposit the collection in the Smithsonian Insti-

collection in the Smithsonian Institution.

"We came to Washington for the
first time as guests of Mr. and Mrs.
Thomas delson Page," she said. "It
was then that we visited the Smithsonian Institution, and my husband
was deeply impressed with the wondeaful over significe of this museum

the past Governors to Debate. Gratitude Expressed.

"It is with a deep sense of gratitude to you, Mrs. Ward, and to Mr. Ward that we accept this splendidgift, one of the most integesting and most valuable that has ever come to the Smithsonian Institution or to the Smithsonian Institution or to the Smithsonian institution or to the Collection will be put on public exhibition beginning tomorrow. The

National Museum."

The collection will be put on public exhibition beginning tomorrow. The ethnological material consists of 2.600 objects of native African art and manufacture, including works of ivory, wood, horn, iron, copper and brass; and the sculptures portray vividly the primitive life of the native in the interior of the continent. Mr. Ward was an Englishman; he was a sculptor, an explorer, artist, soldier and writer.

Miller against the project.

There is to be a session at 8 o'clock tonothe behold the spectacle of "a total tonight, with illustrated addresses by Commander J. H. Walsh, M. W. Woods and J. W. Worthington. The session at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning will continue discussion of American waterway problems. Election of officers will take place tomorrow afternoon. There is to be a banquet at the hotel tomorrow night, closing the conference. Vice President Coolidge will preside.

Plan Would Aid Sale of Ships. By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK March 1.—Adoption of

STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

DIGBY, Nova Scotia, March 1.—An unidentified steamer is in distress about three miles from Tiverton, Bay of Fundy, according to telephone messages received here today.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

LYNCHBURG, Va., March 1.—The puted to own land and bonds worth fully \$500,000, William Mohrman, a Randolph-Macon Woman's College, recluse, who lives in a shack near time of the year, opens today for ten days in jall today, rather than pay twenty days. The exhibit this year is limited to oil work. OLDEST TWINS IN SOUTHWEST GREETED ON BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

# BY FOUR-YEAR-OLD TWINS AT RANCH IN TEXAS.



Photo shows (left to right) Mrs. Mary Peoke and Mrs. Bell Billings, the oldest twins in the southwest, welcoming the four-year-old Perry twins, Alice and Jane, who came to spend the day at the oldest twin's ranch in Clint, Tex., on the eighty-third birthday anniversary of the latter.

Mrs. Peoke and Mrs. Billings were born in Camdes, Me. They have lived on the border for fifty years and are hale and hearty. Most of their time is spent in the garden on their ranch. The Perry twins are from El Paso.

### ACCEDES TO JAPAN.

Chita Reported to Have Agreed to

By the Associated Press.
TOKIO, March 1.—The Chita government, the Far Eastern republic of Siberia, is reported to have acceded to Japan's demands for the disman tling of the Vladivostok fortifications Administration Leaders Preand to Japan's other proposals, with the exception of that regarding in-demnity for the Nikolayevck mas-

There seems to be a prospect of an early and satisfactory conclusion of the conference between representatives of the two governments, which has been dragging on for months at Daren. The hope of the Chita authorities that their government would be accorded representation at the be accorded representation at the Genoa economic conference is said to have operated toward advancing the negotiations.

### KEEP UP NAVY RADIO, **ROOSEVELT WARNS**

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certain things. It isn't so that this year's naval bill ought to be enor-

able to speak and act effectively, Col. toosevelt asserted, was because the United States had a large, well equipped navy. He said he hoped the conference has largely eliminated the chances for war, "certainly in the

near future." near future."

Following the invocation by Bishop John W. Hamilton, chancellor of the American University, the convention was welcomed to Washington by Col. Charles Keller, Engineer Commissioner of the District. Other speakers at the opening session of the conference, which is to end tomorrow night with a dinner at the Willard, were Ambassador J. J. Jusserand of France, Senator Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana, Mayor J. Hampton Moore of Philadelphia, Theodore Brent of New Orleans, Mrs. Sarah Willard Strout of Portland, Me.; President Joseph H. Small of the Na-President Joseph H. Small of the Na-tional Rivers and Harbors Congress and Secretary S. A. Thompson of the

### Important, Says Keller,

Col. Keller described the task the conference as "of the greatest possible importance to the nation at sults would be of the greatest possible value to Washington.

sible value to Washington.

Ambassador Jusserand, who addressed the congress fifteen years ago, was given an ovation both when he arose to speak and when he had concluded. The ambassador detailed the work done on canals in France. "The canals fought for us,"

## waterway policy, a full co-operation of the rails, roads and rivers of the country. He warned the Congress against abandoning its policies of the past

President Harding's ship subsidy plan GAS MENACE AT SCHOOL

### PROBED BY OFFICIALS Health Officer Fowler, After Pre-

liminary Survey, Says He's "Not at All Alarmed." Dr. William Fowler, health officer

Dr. William Fowler, health officer of the District of Columbia, and Dr. Joseph Murphy, chief medical inspector of the public schools, today made a first-hand inspection of the Monroe School to determine conditions existing there relative to possible injurious gases in the air.

Shortly after making his preliminary trip through several of the rooms Dr. Fowler today said that, as far as he had gone, he was not at all alarmed, but that he would not make a final statement until he had thoroughly satisfied himself of the conditions.

The investigation is being made from three angeles. Consideration is

tions.

The investigation is being made from three angles. Consideration is being given to the existence of carbon dioxide in the air, such as is The investigation is being made from three angles. Consideration is being given to the existence of carbon dioxide in the air, such as is exhaled after one takes a breath; to the possibility of escaping illuminating gas, which is the only artificial lighting means in the building, and to a possible escape of gas from the furnace.

Board recondition any more ships now out of service. He said it was hoped the Leviathan would have been disposed of before the possibility of escaping illuminating was completed, but that if the bill were held up the Leviathan would be operated as the star ship of the United States line, and would not, as has been reported, be made the nucleus of a new line.

Dr. T. M. Price, the District health department chemist, is today engaged in an analysis of samples of the air in the various classrooms and will in an analysis of samples of the air in the various classrooms and will present a report on the conditions of the air to Dr. Fowler late this afternoon. The analysis is being made primarily to determine the carbon-marily to determine the carbon-

marily to determine the carbon-dioxide contents.

Dr. Fowler said that he went to the school today in order—that he might have a personal knowledge of the situation.

Charges that several pupils attending the school had been made ill by gas fumes which, they said, at times filled the classrooms, were made at a meeting of the Monroe Parent-Teachers' Association last night in the Wilson Normal School.

Rear Admiral Wilson, superintend-ent of the Naval Academy, told the House naval committee today that all of the 5 may all of the 5

### CARL V. SNOW RETIRED. Warrant Officer Carl V. Snow has been placed on the retired list Army on account of disability.

### MAJ. SCOTT ASSIGNED.

Maj. Charles L. Scott. Quartermaster Corps, of the office of the quartermaster general, Munitions building, has been placed in charge of the stables of the district of Washington, at the corner of 20th and C streets.

# EFFORTS TO AMEND YAP TREATY FUTILE

# sent Solid Front, Showing

Little Desire to Argue. Futile efforts to attach amendments and reservations to the Yap treaty were renewed today in the Senate with the administration leaders pre senting a solid front against every proposed change or qualification and showing little disposition to reply a length to the continued assault of the

"irreconcilables." "irreconcilables."

More than enough votes to ratify were declared by the leaders to be assured, and they felt equally certain that they could continue to command a majority against all amendments and reservations. In these circumstances they declared they saw no reason to indulge in further argument for the treaty. Under a manimum consent agreement a final vote. mous consent agreement a final on ratification is to be taken not later than 2 p.m. tomorrow, and some sen-ators predicted that it might be reached today.

### DEFEAT YAP AMENDMENT Treaty Strength Tested as Party

Lines Rule Vote. Dividing virtually on party lines, the Senate refused to amend the Yatreaty yesterday in the first test strength on any question affection the interactional covenants negotibe abridged. It was offered by Sena-tor Pittman of Nevada, democrat. tor Pittman of Nevada, democrat.
Only two republicans—Senators
Borah of Idaho and France of Maryland—supported the proposed amendments. Four democrats—Senators
Underwood of Alabama, Pomerene of
Ohio. Myers of Montana and Williams
of Mississippi—voted against it.
The Senate also rejected—11 to 52—
an amendment by Senator France reco

an amendment by Senator France providing that the manufacture, sale, importation and exportation of intoxicating liquors be prohibited in the mandated islands.

Eight democraty joined with the republicans in comparison the second republicans in opposing the ment. Those who supported it wer. Senators Ashurst. Arizona; Harrison Mississippi; Heffin, Alabama; Kend rick, Wyoming; Pittman, Nevada Reed, Missouri; Robinson Arkansas Sheppard, Texas; Smith, South Caro lina, and Swanson, Virginia - : democrats—and Senator France, republican, Maryland.

### Differ on Roll Calls. Senators differed over the signifi-cance of the two roll calls, as they bear on the general situation of the

arms conference treaties. Senate leaders declared t tion on the democratic side.

Just before adjournment another amendment was presented amendment was presented by Sen-ator Pittman, sipulating that under the treaty the United States should be sole judge whether Japan is main-taining sufficient wireless facilities on Yap Island, or whether the American right to install a wireless station there should be exercised. During yesterday's debate furthe

### ence agreements really embody. Ti all-day onslaught passed virtuall without reply from the treaty's sup

colleagues for their mirth, caused new convulsions of merriment on the floor and in the galleries by pleading that the provision be accepted. "so that some Japanese Volstead can exercise his genius in the Senator Lodge declared the amend-

# By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, March 1.—Adoption of

at the present session of Congress was predicted by Chairman Lasker of the United States Shipping Board. The plan, while entirely the President's idea, has unanimous approval of Shipping Board members, republicans and democrats, Mr. Lasker said, and he expressed confidence it would find an easy majority in both houses of Congress.

Several leaders of the agricultural three bears esponsed the plan, in

## ADMIRAL BACKS CADETS.

Rear Admiral Wilson, superintend-

In advocating this action the admiral declared a speedy decision should be made by Congress because of the uncertainty among the midshipmen as to their future and the effect on morale by reason of agitation.

### EX-MAYOR ARRESTED.

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., March 1.—Albert Bollschweiler, former United States marshal and former mayor of this city, was under arrest today charged with violation of the Volstead act. He is alleged to have offered a bribe to a customs official in an effort to have liquor landed from the steamer Harbinger, which was seized by federal officials when she arrived here several weeks ago.